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For:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ESTIMATING CARDINALITY WHEN

DATA SKEW IS PRESENT

ASSIGNEE NAME: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: ARMONK, NEW YORK

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| 7 | 27 | Pages | of | Specification | and | 1 | Abstract |
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7 Sheets of Drawings

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